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1 Q. All right. I'm going to get to that point in a
2 second. But before he was in Room 17--

3 A. No.

4 Q. --you had no conversations with him?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Is that correct?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. And did you have any conversations with the
9 policeman who accompanied him?

10 A. No.

11 Q. All right. Now, Room 17, this is one of the
12 seclusion rooms in the ER?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And you saw Ryan enter that room?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And then what was your next involvement with
17 Ryan?

18 A. My next involvement was I had brought my
19 nursing assessment that we have to do, and I
20 had gone in the room to talk to him.

21 Q. And tell me what you recall about that
22 conversation.

23 A. He was pacing back and forth. He was very
24 loud, yelling. He was very -- cursing and
25 swearing, every other word was F this.

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1 Q. Was he directing-- Staying just with the swear
2 words for a second, was he directing them to
3 you in particular?

4 A. Yes, because I was specifically talking to him.

5 Q. I understand. Go on. I didn't mean to
6 interrupt you.

7 A. He was delusional.

8 Q. Meaning what?

9 A. He had what I would call delusions of grandeur
10 where he thought he was a millionaire. He felt
11 that he was a personal friend of the
12 president's, that he had to get to his
13 limousine at the Hotel Hilton because he had
14 many interviews with the president. So, I
15 mean, he -- I mean, basically--

16 Q. He communicated these delusions to you?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. When you were having this interview or
19 conversation with him, whatever it is, were you
20 alone or was there someone else with you?

21 A. West Shore Regional Police were still standing
22 there.

23 Q. In the room or outside of the room?

24 A. No, they were inside. Crisis was standing
25 there. She was outside.

1 Q. "Crisis" meaning the Crisis Intervention worker
2 of Holy Spirit?

3 A. Yeah, Candice.

4 Q. Candice Highfield?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. All right.

7 A. She was standing there. And our security
8 guard, Cory, was standing there.

9 Q. Okay. And again, "there" is outside the room.

10 A. Outside, yes.

11 Q. Were they in a place where they could see you?

12 A. Oh, we were, like, I mean, maybe not even,
13 like, four inches away from each other.

14 Q. All right. Okay. So go on with your
15 conversation with Ryan, if there is more.

16 A. I was-- I had tried to obtain a type of
17 history from him, basically, you know, why he
18 was there, but he wasn't very cooperative
19 because of his thinking.

20 I mean, he was so-- He wanted to get this
21 done because he had to go to Washington DC. He
22 was very-- Let's see here-- I just lost my
23 train of thought. I'm sorry.

24 I told you he was delusional. He was
25 swearing. He was screaming back and forth. I

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1 had-- He had told me that he was going to
2 basically make our lives hell if we didn't let
3 him go.

4 Q. Did he describe how he would do that?

5 A. Yes. He said that he had a license to kill.
6 And he said that he would come back and put a
7 bomb in the hospital and blow everybody up.

8 I proceeded to ask him if I could take his
9 vital signs, which is part of my assessment.
10 And he blatantly said no, which I respect that.
11 So I did not pursue that. And that's--

12 Q. At what stage in the conversation did he make
13 these threats? Was it, for example, before or
14 after you asked him about the vital signs?

15 A. You know, I don't really remember.

16 Q. That's fine. I recognize you're a
17 professional, but did the threats frighten you?

18 A. To be honest, no.

19 Q. So I have to ask why not?

20 A. Because I guess from being a nurse for so long
21 as I've been, I have been familiar with
22 patients like Ryan Schorr. And it doesn't
23 frighten me.

24 I just know-- I know where I need to
25 stand my ground, and I know where I don't need

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1 to cross the boundaries. Like, when he said to
2 me no vital signs, it was no vital signs.

3 Q. Was he physically confrontational with you?
4 Did he put his hands on you or threaten to do
5 so?

6 A. No.

7 Q. All right. At the time you spoke with Ryan
8 Schorr, had you, even though he was not
9 cooperative in giving you any history, had you
10 acquainted yourself with any part of his
11 history from any other source?

12 A. You mean prior to talking to Ryan?

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. I do remember West Shore Regional Police
15 telling me something I don't recall. I didn't
16 speak to the Crisis worker, Candice, until
17 after I did my own assessment.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. But--

20 Q. All right. I understand. Now, the assessment,
21 this is your nursing assessment?

22 A. This is my nursing assessment, yeah.

23 Q. I don't want to jump out of sequence too much,
24 but did you ever learn anything about Ryan
25 Schorr's previous history of any psychiatric or

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1 mental health treatment?

2 A. I didn't know that until after.

3 Q. I understand. But afterwards, what did you
4 learn?

5 A. I learned that he was a patient who had -- that
6 was Bipolar. I had learned that he had stopped
7 his medication a couple months prior to this
8 incident. And I had learned that he was in
9 treatment at our mental health program with one
10 of the psychiatrists.

11 Q. First of all, from whom did you learn this
12 information?

13 A. From Crisis.

14 Q. Meaning the Crisis Intervention worker?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. Candice specifically?

17 A. Candice. When she wrote her assessment of the
18 patient, then I read it afterwards.

19 Q. I understand. Now, at the time that you spoke
20 with Ryan Schorr, did he appear to you to be on
21 any -- under the influence of any drugs or
22 other substance?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Now, after you talked to him, did you complete
25 your assessment in the room or out of the room

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1 -- the written part of the assessment?

2 A. Oh, I completed it in the room.

3 Q. And then what did you do?

4 A. And then I walked out of the room, and I shut
5 the door. It's locked from the outside. And
6 then I proceeded to go over to Dr. Spurrier.
7 He was going to be the ER physician to see him.

8 And I gave him a brief assessment of the
9 patient, basically what he was going to be
10 going into. And then I handed him the chart.
11 And that was it.

12 Q. I understand. Now, up until this time -- and
13 when I say that, I mean the time at which you
14 handed Dr. Spurrier the chart -- had you had
15 any conversations with Cory Graby, the security
16 officer, about Ryan Schorr?

17 A. I don't recall, no.

18 Q. Do you recall Cory Graby asking you for
19 clearance to leave the ER at any time?

20 A. No, I do not.

21 Q. Do you know yourself, from your own knowledge
22 or recollection, whether Cory Graby asked
23 anyone if he could be cleared from the
24 emergency room?

25 A. No, I do not.

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1 Q. In connection with a 302 commitment or a
2 potential 302 commitment, is there a procedure
3 which deals with the presence of a security
4 officer in the ER?

5 A. Yes, there is.

6 Q. And what is that procedure?

7 A. Well, the procedure is basically when a patient
8 comes in, you basically know that you're going
9 to be using the secured room, which would be
10 17. You usually will call security and just
11 let them know briefly that this patient is
12 coming in. A very brief, you know, history.

13 And basically, security is usually present
14 when the patient gets there. Usually security
15 does not leave the area unless you give them
16 permission to go.

17 Q. Until when, I mean--

18 A. They stay a while. They usually-- They have
19 stayed up to an hour -- will stay right there
20 with you.

21 Q. But rather than concentrating on the length of
22 time, I'd like to talk about, you know,
23 specific events in the process. Is the
24 security guard usually there when the doctor
25 evaluates the patient?

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1 A. The security guard is usually outside the door.

2 Q. Right. When the doctor evaluates the patient?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And I guess we understand that there comes a
5 time in the process if the doctor determines
6 that the patient needs commitment, there comes
7 a time where Crisis has to read the patient his
8 or her rights. Is that accurate?

9 A. Yes. Right.

10 Q. And is the security officer typically present
11 at that point?

12 A. I'm trying to think. I want to say they should
13 be, but yes, they are, yes.

14 Q. Now, are you aware of any written directive or
15 policy that says they should be there at that
16 point?

17 A. No.

18 Q. All right. Fair enough. Now, after you left
19 the room having completed your nursing
20 assessment and left the seclusion room and had
21 given the chart to Dr. Spurrier, what was your
22 next involvement with or observation of Ryan
23 Schorr?

24 A. Well, the door was closed. I noticed basically
25 that he was quiet. He had stopped yelling. He

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1 was pacing back and forth in the room. I mean,
2 he wasn't acting out, he was just pacing back
3 and forth. And then I had gone on break.

4 Q. And how long is the break period?

5 A. Like, 15 minutes.

6 Q. All right. Then what happened -- or I guess I
7 should ask you this. When you took your break,
8 where were you, where did you take it?

9 A. Over in the nursing lounge, which is, like,
10 it's out of the department. It's just, like --
11 it's out of the department, but it's, like,
12 down the hall.

13 Q. I understand. So what happened next?

14 A. After I came back from my break?

15 Q. Well, I guess you told me you came back from
16 your break.

17 A. Right. I came back from my break--

18 Q. And where did you go?

19 A. --and I went and I sat down at the one desk
20 that's, like, in front of the ER. And I was
21 able to see Room 17. And I just sat there.
22 And I was doing some charting on a chart, and--

23 Q. From that -- I'll call the station. You may
24 not call it a station.

25 A. Yeah, a station.

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1 Q. But from that station, could you see into the
2 room to observe Ryan Schorr?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And did you? I mean, did you see him?

5 A. Yes. He was actually sitting on the bed.

6 Q. All right. And quiet at that point?

7 A. Quiet.

8 Q. All right. Then what happened?

9 A. And then I just happened to look up, and I saw
10 Candice, the Crisis worker, walk towards the
11 door. It was really, like, a fast motion.

12 And she opened the door, not a lot just a
13 little, and I saw him grab the door, Ryan
14 Schorr, and he shoved her. And when he shoved
15 her, she went back a couple of feet. And then
16 he took off.

17 Q. All right. Now, as Candice approached the
18 room, was she alone?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And at that point, did you-- Well, let me ask
21 it a couple of ways. First of all, now, as you
22 sit here, do you know whether or not security
23 was present outside the room when Candice
24 approached it?

25 A. No, security wasn't present.

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1 Q. And do you recall whether or not you noticed
2 that back on Saturday, November the 18th, 2000?

3 A. I'm sorry. I don't understand.

4 Q. As you saw Candice walking to the room, did you
5 take note of the fact that security wasn't
6 present at that point?

7 A. Oh, yes, absolutely.

8 Q. And did you say anything to Candice or anyone
9 about it?

10 A. No, because actually it happened so fast. I
11 mean, she did not indicate to me that she was
12 even going towards the room.

13 Q. All right. If you had known that she was going
14 to the room, would you have said anything about
15 the absence of security?

16 A. I would have said, stop, Candice, wait. We
17 need to get somebody.

18 Q. All right. And is that what you typically make
19 sure happens, that someone's there?

20 A. Yes, you need to have a backup.

21 Q. All right. And why is that?

22 A. Basically for the safety of the department and
23 the safety of the patient.

24 Q. So this thing happened very quickly. And you
25 saw Candice pushed back--

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1 A. Right.

2 Q. --and Ryan bolting off?

3 A. Right.

4 Q. What did you do next?

5 A. First of all, I said, Candice, are you okay?

6 And she said she was fine. And I turned around
7 to the secretary, I said, call a red alert, and
8 I picked up the phone and I dialed 911.

9 Q. Now, that's two things, I think. The red
10 alert, what does it mean to call a red alert?

11 A. Red alert is people that are in the hospital
12 who are specifically trained -- they go to a
13 class -- where they respond to any type of,
14 like, an emergency in the hospital.

15 I mean, it could be a wide range of
16 things, from a patient just acting out to
17 someone really getting out of control.

18 And what happens is when you call that red
19 alert, it just -- it makes the people aware
20 that are trained in this that we need your help
21 and you need to come now. So that's basically
22 what they did.

23 Q. And how many people responded to the red alert?

24 A. Usually there is about anywhere from, like, 7
25 to 10 people that respond.

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1 Q. On this particular event, do you know how many
2 people responded?

3 A. No, I don't know specifically. But I know
4 there were a lot of people that responded.

5 Q. Let me just refer you to Exhibit 1, because I
6 think you make some reference to it. And I
7 just want to see if I understand the writing, I
8 guess, is what I need to understand.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. Under factual description of the event, do you
11 see that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. There's a line there, I guess, the third line,
14 it says something people responded to the red
15 alert. Do you see that?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. Can you translate that for me? What does that
18 say?

19 A. It says three people responded.

20 Q. Okay. And having seen that, does that
21 correspond to your memory as to how many people
22 responded to this particular red alert?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. All right. Do you recall as you sit here today
25 who they were?

1 A. Oh, no.

2 Q. All right. Do you recall as you sit here
3 today, I guess, what type of people were they?
4 I mean, were they nurses, aides, what?

5 A. Actually, no, I don't.

6 Q. Fair enough. Now, did anyone from security
7 respond to the red alert?

8 A. Oh, yes.

9 Q. And who?

10 A. Cory. And I'm really not sure of any other
11 security. I mean, I just can't remember.

12 Q. I understand. Now, when Cory arrived, did you
13 have the occasion to ask him why he had not
14 been present in the ER?

15 A. Not at that time I didn't.

16 Q. Did you at some other time ask him?

17 A. I'm not really sure if I did.

18 Q. And I asked that question, again, I'm going to
19 refer you to Exhibit 1 because you'll tell me,
20 but I thought you might have made some
21 reference to that. You see the same line where
22 you say three people responded to the red
23 alert?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Okay. And the next thing I think it says,

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1 "security not present in ECU at time of red
2 alert." Is that what that says?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And "ECU" stands for what?

5 A. Emergency care unit.

6 Q. All right. And then you have, I guess, a
7 phrase or a clause that gives the explanation
8 as to why or it says something about why the
9 guard wasn't there. Can you just read that to
10 me?

11 A. "Due to security guard stated he was the only
12 one in the hospital for 11/18/00." And
13 actually, reading that, I do remember that.

14 Q. So having read that, you recall that Cory told
15 you he left because he was the only one in the
16 hospital -- the only security officer?

17 A. Correct. Right.

18 Q. Did he tell you why he had to leave or where he
19 had gone?

20 A. No, because I was on break.

21 Q. You were on break at the time he had left?

22 A. Right, so I'm not sure who he spoke to.

23 Q. I understand. You're not sure who he spoke to
24 before he left?

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. All right. Well, when you're on break, who
2 takes over as charge?

3 A. Usually one of the nurses that you just
4 designate.

5 Q. And do you recall who you designated on that
6 occasion?

7 A. I designated, I believe, Pat Smith.

8 Q. Now, my question before, it may have been a
9 little confusing. I didn't mean did Cory tell
10 you why he had left or where he had gone before
11 he did so. But I mean after the fact, did he
12 ever tell you where he had gone to?

13 A. I don't recall.

14 Q. Fine. Did you ever talk to Pat about-- Pat
15 Smith?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. --about Cory's absence from the ECU or why it
18 had occurred?

19 A. No, I did not.

20 Q. All right. Did she ever tell you that she had
21 given him clearance to leave?

22 A. No, she did not.

23 Q. Did you ever talk to her about that subject?

24 MR. YANINEK: Let me just clarify that
25 answer. She never told you anything about it

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1 or did she tell you that she didn't give him
2 permission? The way that question and answer
3 came out, it's confusing. So I object to it
4 and just ask if you can clear it up.

5 MR. WILLIAMS: I understand. And I think
6 I understood the witness, but I'll-- You're
7 right, I--

8 MR. YANINEK: On paper it's going to look
9 differently.

10 A. She told me she never gave permission.

11 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

12 Q. That's my question to you, or I understand what
13 you're saying. And when did she say this to
14 you?

15 A. This was after I had come back from break.

16 Q. Meaning when you came back from break, you
17 noticed that Cory wasn't there?

18 A. When I had come back from break-- I can't
19 recall. I don't remember. I just remember
20 sitting down at the desk prior to this all
21 happening with Ryan Schorr.

22 Q. But at some point on this day, November 18th,
23 Pat Smith told you that she had never given
24 Cory--

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. --permission? Did Cory ever tell you that he
2 had received clearance to leave? I may have
3 asked you that before.

4 A. No.

5 Q. Now, this reference to his statement that he
6 was the only one in the hospital on that day,
7 was that an unusual occurrence that there was
8 only one guard in the hospital?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. In your experience, there was usually more than
11 one guard?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. How many guards were there usually?

14 A. In my experience, there's usually at least two
15 or three.

16 Q. And that's--

17 A. There's definitely two, and sometimes you have
18 three.

19 Q. All right. And on the day shift as well as
20 other shifts?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And that was so back in November of 2000 as
23 well as today?

24 A. Oh, yes.

25 Q. All right. Did Cory give you any explanation

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1 as to why on this particular day he was the
2 only guard who was there?

3 A. No.

4 Q. All right. Now, if you turn to Exhibit 2, I
5 think you told me that this is sort of your
6 summary of the whole thing that you did for the
7 police; is that correct?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. Now, I want to ask you about some particular
10 parts of it. And really, it's toward the end
11 of your summary, beginning with the part where
12 you describe how you called the red alert. Do
13 you see where you say, "I yelled for a red
14 alert to be called."

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Who actually called for the red alert?

17 A. One of the secretaries.

18 Q. And then, as you told me before, your statement
19 says you picked up the phone and called 911.
20 Correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And either from your own recollection or
23 referring to this statement, whichever you
24 prefer which is better, tell me about that
25 conversation with the 911 dispatcher.

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1 A. I called 911 and he got on and said, what's
2 your emergency? I told him -- identified
3 myself, who I was, from what hospital. I had
4 told him that we had a gentleman that was a 302
5 that just had left the hospital -- bolted out
6 of the hospital.

7 I explained to him-- I told them what he
8 was wearing down to basically his shoes and
9 stuff. And I told them that he was in a
10 psychotic state and basically that he was not
11 cooperative but he needed to be found.

12 Q. All right. Now, let me ask you first of all
13 for a definition of a term as you used it. You
14 indicated to the dispatcher that Ryan was "in a
15 psychotic state".

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. So my question is, what does that mean?

18 A. Psychosis basically means that he's not in a
19 state of reality. He's in his own little
20 world.

21 With Ryan, he was delusional. So he was
22 above and beyond, thinking that he was a
23 millionaire, the president's friend, those kind
24 of things. I mean, not -- just totally not
25 within a reality context.

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1 Q. I understand your answer, I think. Now, you
2 told me that you indicated to the dispatcher
3 that he was not cooperative but needed to be
4 brought in. Is that accurate?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And did you say why he needed to be brought in?

7 A. I said that he needed to be brought in because
8 of his psychotic state and the fact that I
9 feared for the fact that he was homicidal and I
10 thought for his own safety because he was not
11 in the right thinking.

12 Q. I understand. And your statement here also
13 uses the description "homicidal" as to Ryan at
14 this time.

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. So let me ask you about your definition of that
17 term, too. What did you mean by "homicidal"?

18 A. That my-- What I meant by that was the fact
19 that he was not in a reality orientation, that
20 he would probably hurt somebody based on what
21 Ryan had said to me in the emergency room.

22 Q. And were you referring to these threats to blow
23 up the hospital?

24 A. Correct, and the license to kill.

25 Q. Were you referring to anything else besides

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1 those statements that he made to you?

2 A. No.

3 Q. All right. And I guess I'll ask you about one
4 other term since it's in the statement. Did
5 you describe him as "belligerent"?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And what does that mean?

8 A. Meaning that he was-- Profanity was just,
9 like, every other word.

10 Q. Did the dispatcher ask you-- Besides what was
11 he wearing and for a general description, did
12 the dispatcher ask you for any other
13 information?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Did you, yourself, talk directly to -- this is
16 before the death of Ryan Schorr -- any
17 policemen about him or his condition?

18 A. Oh, no.

19 Q. All right. Just a few handwriting
20 interpretation questions. Can you tell me--
21 If you look at Exhibit 1, there is a Line
22 Number 11 there.

23 A. Okay.

24 Q. It says, "Department manager signature
25 indicates review." Whose signature or name is

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1 that?

2 A. That's the head of our department, our nurse
3 manager, Sister Martin.

4 Q. All right. I see it. She's a nun?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And Line Number 14, there's an entry for
7 witness. What is that witness' name?

8 A. Rodney Buckles.

9 Q. And who is Rodney Buckles?

10 A. He's one of our emergency room techs. He was
11 on that day with me.

12 Q. And when you identified him as a witness, what
13 did he witness?

14 A. He witnessed Ryan bolting out the door.

15 Q. Where was Rodney when Ryan bolted?

16 A. Actually, Rodney was standing right at the
17 door, because Rodney wanted to run after him.

18 Q. All right. I understand. And in Line 15 where
19 it asks for address, you say "aware". Does
20 that mean the hospital has a record of Ryan's
21 address?

22 A. You know what? That actually "aware" word goes
23 with Line 12. "Dr. Spurrier aware."

24 Q. I see. I should have seen that. Okay. Then
25 let me ask you, why did you leave the address

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1 line blank? That's Rodney's address? He's a
2 hospital employee?

3 A. Yeah, so that's why I put the hospital phone
4 number.

5 Q. I understand. That's all the questions I have.
6 Thank you.

7 A. Okay. Thank you.

8 EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. HAUCK:

10 Q. Hi, Carol. My name is Greg Hauck, and I
11 represent the West Shore Regional Police
12 Department in this case.

13 I want to ask you some follow-up questions
14 on the testimony that you just gave. Can you
15 describe for me the room that Ryan was placed
16 in? Are there windows on it so that you can
17 see into it?

18 A. There's one elongated window on the door that
19 you can see into it.

20 Q. And from your nurses' station, you could see
21 through that window into the room?

22 A. From where I was sitting, yes.

23 Q. Can a person inside the room see outside the
24 window?

25 A. If they're up against the door, they can.

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1 Q. But only if they're up against the door?

2 A. Yeah. Otherwise, they can't see out.

3 Q. When you were taking your assessment, I think
4 you said that there was a security guard and
5 the West Shore Regional Police were standing
6 outside the room; is that right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Was the door open then?

9 A. It was wide open, yes.

10 Q. And you also said, I think, that the security
11 guard from the hospital is not supposed to
12 leave until he gets permission?

13 A. Yes, that's correct.

14 Q. Who typically would give the security guard
15 permission to leave the area?

16 A. Usually the nurse who basically collaborates
17 with the physician. It's kind of a joint
18 thing.

19 Q. When you say "the nurse", do you mean the
20 charge nurse?

21 A. No. The nurse actually that's responsible for
22 the patient.

23 Q. On Exhibit 1, there's a notation that three
24 people responded to the red alert. And you
25 also said that the security guard, Cory,

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1 responded to the red alert.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Is Cory one of the three people?

4 A. I'm not really sure.

5 Q. So there could have been four people that
6 actually responded?

7 A. Yeah. Exactly.

8 Q. But you don't know?

9 A. No, I don't remember.

10 Q. When Ryan initially came into the emergency
11 room, you said that Ryan was calm. Is that
12 fair?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. But later, as he stayed at the hospital, he
15 became agitated?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. What do you think caused him to become agitated
18 over that time period?

19 A. Well, based on my assessment, I feel that it
20 was more his delusions of thinking that he had
21 places to go and the fact that we were holding
22 him back.

23 Q. And in your report, you said that when he left
24 from the hospital, you would have considered
25 him homicidal?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What led you to think that he was homicidal?

3 A. Based on the fact that he told me he had a
4 license to kill and that he wanted to come back
5 and hurt us. And his plan was to bomb the
6 place. And he did tell us that he would make
7 us pay for what we did to him.

8 Q. And I think you also said that you were fearful
9 that he could hurt himself?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And what made you think that?

12 A. Because he wasn't thinking in a reality
13 situation. I mean, his thinking was very
14 bizarre. And I feared for him because he
15 wasn't thinking straight.

16 Q. That's all the questions I have.

17 MR. YANINEK: I don't have any questions.

18 REEXAMINATION

19 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

20 Q. I do have one brief follow-up on one of Greg's
21 questions. You used the term "the nurse who
22 was responsible for the patient" might give
23 clearance in conjunction with the position.
24 For Ryan Schorr, who was the nurse responsible
25 for Ryan Schorr?

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1 A. That was my patient.

2 Q. And I guess I should ask you this, too. Do you
3 know one way or the other whether Dr. Spurrier
4 cleared Cory Graby from the ECU?

5 A. I know actually for a fact he did not.

6 Q. And how do you know that?

7 A. Because when this situation with Ryan happened,
8 he ran out, I remember Dr. Spurrier saying to
9 me, I don't know who cleared security away from
10 the door, but I never gave permission. I
11 remember that statement from him because he
12 said it to me directly.

13 Q. All right. That's all I have.

14 MR. HAUCK: No more questions.

15 MR. YANINEK: I have no questions.

16 (The proceedings concluded at 11:50 a.m.)
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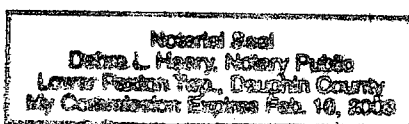
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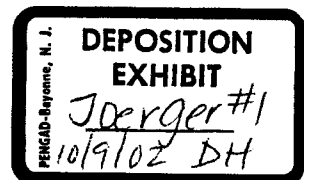
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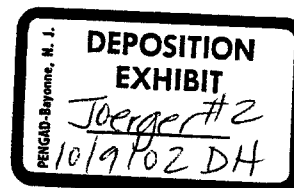
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1. Date of event 11/18/00 2. Time of event (military) 0908 3. Facility code 11/18/00 4. Attending MD Dr. Spurr
5. Age 25 6. Sex M ☐ Inpatient ☐ Outpatient ☐ Visitor ☐ Volunteer ☐ Home Health ☒ Other ER
7. Diagnosis and/or procedures at time of event 302 commitment / pt. delusional psych
8. Factual description of event @ 0908 Red alert called when crisis worker attempted to open Rm#17 door pt. showed her + bolted out the door. 3 people responded to the alert. Security not present in ECU at time of Red alert due to Security guard stating he was the only one in the hospital that 11/18/00.
9. Date of report 11/18/00 10. Reporting department/unit 11/18/00
11. Dept. manager signature (indicates review) smatt 11/19/00
12. Physician advised (identify) Dr. Spurr 13. Physician signature (optional) aware
14. Witness Madrey Duckles 15. Address aware Tel. No. 973-4300
16. Person preparing report (print) Carol Joerger RN

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On Saturday November 18, 2000 @ 0830 West Shore Regional two police officers brought in Ryan Schorr. Ryan walked in with them did not have hand cuffs on, was escorted into rm. 17 I proceeded to walk towards the rm. Questioning the officers the reason the pt. was here? I had positioned myself partially standing in the rm. and in the doorway. Security was called and Cory from security came. Candice from crisis was here standing at the doorway as I proceeded to question Ryan so that I could fill out my nursing assessment. Ryan was pacing back and forth in the room as I proceeded my assessment. Ryan was cursing at me stated that he would not answer any questions. Ryan told me that he had a lot of money in the bank and he had an important job and he only had to get to the Hotel Hilton where his limousine was. The limousine was then going to take him to Washington Dec. where he was to see the president. Ryan told me that he had a very busy afternoon. Cory from security was still in the ECU. I proceeded to close the door of rm. 17, which is a locked rm. from the outside. West shore regional police had left. Ryan proceeded to pace the room without rooms being spoken. Candice the crisis worker was on the telephone talking to Ryans mother. I being the nurse told Dr. Spurrier about who Ryan, the pt., a very brief history of why he came to the hospital. I was not present in the dept. when Dr. Spurrier went in to see Ryan in rm. 17. At 0905 Candice from crisis walked towards rm 17 I was situated at the front desk where I could see Candice, Candice open the door a crack when she I identified her name and title when I saw Ryan shove. swing open the door and bolted out the front door. I yelled for a red alert to be called, and I picked up the phone and dialed 911 I spoke to the dispatcher told him what hospital I was from, gave him my name, told the dispatcher That we had a 302 on pt. after asking his name I gave it to him. I told the dispatcher exactly what he was wearing from head to toe I also told them that he bolted out the door and that he was belligerent, in a psychosis state and was homicidal. Dr. Spurrier was aware that pt had bolted. Thank you Carol Joerger, RN



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Plaintiffs . Judge Kane
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BOROUGH OF WORMLEYSBURG, .
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DEPARTMENT, HOWARD DOUGHERTY, .
CHIEF WEST SHORE REGIONAL .
POLICE DEPARTMENT, CUMBERLAND .
COUNTY, HOLY SPIRIT HOSPITAL, .
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STIPULATION

It is hereby stipulated by and between counsel for the respective parties that sealing, certification and filing are hereby waived; and all objections except as to the form of the question are reserved to the time of trial.

CORY GRABY, called as a witness,
being duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION

BY MR. WILLIAMS:

Q. Mr. Graby, we just met. I'm Gerry Williams, and I represent the plaintiffs in this case which has been filed by the family of Ryan Schorr against Holy Spirit Hospital and some other people and organizations.

I'm going to ask you some questions. The other attorneys may or may not ask you some questions, depending on what they want to do.

But my questions and your answers will be taken down by the court reporter. And the whole megillah is called a deposition. Have you ever experienced a deposition before?

A. No.

Q. I think you'll find it's a pretty simple

1 process. I'll just give you some rules to go
2 by.

3 First of all, if you don't understand one
4 of my questions or don't hear one of my
5 questions, just let me know that and I'll ask
6 the question over again or ask it in a
7 different way to correct the situation. Do you
8 understand that?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And secondly, this is not a test or something
11 where somebody's going to be evaluating you in
12 that sense. We just want your honest answers
13 to the best of your recollection.

14 So if you don't remember something or you
15 don't know something, that's a perfectly
16 legitimate answer. Do you understand that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you do have to give all of your answers in
19 words as opposed to gestures or little
20 shortcuts like saying um-hum or uh-huh.

21 And that's so that our record is clear,
22 because we may be reading this weeks or months
23 from now and we won't understand what those
24 things mean unless you express them in words.
25 Understand?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And another rule which you are following very
3 well is try to wait for me to finish my
4 question before you start your answer so we're
5 not talking over each other, making the court
6 reporter's job even harder. Okay?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And last, I guess I should tell you, as you
9 know you took an oath. So this testimony that
10 you're giving us today is at the same level,
11 the same kind of testimony you would have to
12 give in a courtroom. Do you understand that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Now, sir, are you presently employed by Holy
15 Spirit Hospital?

16 A. Yes, I am.

17 Q. As a security officer?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And how long have you been a security officer
20 at Holy Spirit?

21 A. Approximately five and a half years.

22 Q. And what's your educational background?

23 A. I graduated high school. I have three years of
24 college.

25 Q. All right. When did you graduate from high

1 school?

2 A. 1990.

3 Q. And how old are you?

4 A. I'm currently 30 years old.

5 Q. Before you attained your position as a security
6 officer at Holy Spirit, did you work security
7 in any other place?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And what was your previous experience in
10 security?

11 A. I worked at Central Penn Business School as a
12 security officer there.

13 Q. How long had you worked there approximately?

14 A. Approximately three years.

15 Q. And after you were hired by Holy Spirit as a
16 security officer, did you receive any training
17 for that job?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What training did you receive?

20 A. At Holy Spirit Hospital?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. Let's see, we received training in what's
23 called Act 235, which is weapons certification
24 in the State of Pennsylvania. On the job, we
25 received training in something called red alert

1 training.

2 And I have certification in IAHSS,
3 International Association of Healthcare Safety
4 and Security, basic and advanced certifications
5 in that. I guess those would be the official
6 training.

7 Q. All right. In your duties as a security
8 officer at Holy Spirit, do you carry a weapon?

9 A. No.

10 Q. And on your person, do you carry any
11 restraints, handcuffs, anything like that?

12 A. No.

13 Q. What equipment do you carry, if any, as a
14 security officer?

15 A. Equipment: a flashlight -- a very small
16 flashlight -- gloves. That's pretty much about
17 it.

18 Q. All right. Are the gloves latex gloves?

19 A. Latex gloves, yes.

20 Q. For contact with patients if that's necessary?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Now, we understand that you had some contact,
23 however brief, with the subject of this
24 litigation, Ryan Schorr; is that correct?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. I may jump around a little bit, but let me ask
2 you to start just by telling me your
3 recollection of your dealings with Ryan Schorr.
4 And our timing is sometime around November
5 2000. Does that conform with your memory?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Tell me your recollection of your encounter
8 with Ryan Schorr.

9 A. To what degree?

10 Q. Well, I guess, tell me what you remember from
11 the first time you saw him to the last time you
12 saw him on that day.

13 A. Let's see, when I initially encountered Mr.
14 Schorr, we said very little verbal contact with
15 him initially. I spoke with the police
16 officers who brought him in. And I'm trying to
17 recall the events.

18 Q. That's all right. Do you recall who the police
19 officers were?

20 A. I don't recall their names, no.

21 Q. Do you recall what department they were from?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Which one?

24 A. West Shore Regional.

25 Q. Fine. Go ahead.

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1 A. The patient, prior to his arriving, had been
2 already searched. And he was placed into our
3 Room 17 at ECU. I think my initial contact
4 came when I entered the room to actually place
5 a patient wristband on the patient. What do
6 you want to know?

7 Q. Yes, I understand the difficulty in answering
8 my question the way I asked it. Let me try to
9 break it down a little bit. You indicate that
10 you entered the room to put an ID bracelet on
11 Ryan Schorr. Correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Is that something you had done before as a
14 security officer?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. The room we're talking about is what's called a
17 seclusion room or a locked -- it's a locked
18 room where psychiatric patients are?

19 A. Yes and no.

20 Q. Tell me the yes part and the no part.

21 A. Yes, psychiatric patients can certainly be
22 placed in there. But the room can also be used
23 for regular patient care as well as a variety
24 of other patients that we encounter in the
25 hospital.

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1 Q. All right. But the room itself as it was in
2 November of 2000, it was a room that could be
3 locked, a person could be locked in that room;
4 is that correct?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. And in Ryan Schorr's situation, because of his
7 situation, his condition, he was at least at
8 some point locked in that room. Is that
9 accurate or not?

10 A. That's accurate, yes.

11 Q. All right. Now, did you-- Before you entered
12 the room to give him the ID bracelet, did you
13 assist in any way in placing him in the room?

14 A. If my presence alone being there was considered
15 assisting, then yes.

16 Q. So you were there, but you didn't physically
17 guide him into the room or--

18 A. No.

19 Q. Who did, if anyone?

20 A. To the best of my recollection, ECU staff,
21 perhaps the police. I'm not--

22 Q. That's fine. And once he was in the room, you,
23 of course, were then outside the room within
24 the emergency department. Is that accurate?

25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And what happened next?
- 2 A. At some point, I must have been approached by
- 3 the secretary and asked to place the -- put the
- 4 wristband on him.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. And then I proceeded into the room.
- 7 Q. Now, when you went into the room on that
- 8 occasion with the bracelet, you went in by
- 9 yourself?
- 10 A. I was accompanied by an ECU tech.
- 11 Q. A tech?
- 12 A. A tech, yes.
- 13 Q. And who was the tech, if you recall?
- 14 A. Rodney Buckles.
- 15 Q. And what was the role of the tech?
- 16 A. To assist.
- 17 Q. All right. And what happened when you entered
- 18 the room with the ID bracelet?
- 19 A. Mr. Schorr just acknowledged that he didn't
- 20 wish to have the bracelet placed upon him.
- 21 Q. How did he express that to you?
- 22 A. He verbally stated it. I don't recall exactly
- 23 what he said.
- 24 Q. Do you recall anything about the tone of his
- 25 voice or the manner in which he spoke?

1 A. Not specifically.

2 Q. How about generally?

3 A. Generally, his-- I guess his demeanor overall
4 was just indicating that he just didn't feel
5 like being -- having -- being touched or being,
6 you know, anyone approaching him that close,
7 that type of thing.

8 Q. Did you attempt to touch him to put the
9 bracelet on?

10 A. No.

11 Q. Did he express anger to you in any way?

12 A. I'm trying to recall if -- not anger, no.

13 Q. All right. I guess I should ask you this. Did
14 he express any emotion to you?

15 A. I'm-- I believe that was the point where he
16 indicated that -- he just started speaking that
17 he didn't want-- I believe that's when he
18 indicated certain statements about the hospital
19 and things of that nature. I don't recall
20 exactly what he said.

21 Q. All right. And maybe we'll discuss some of
22 those things in a minute. Let me just ask you
23 one more question about the kind of atmosphere.
24 Did he raise his voice to you? Did he speak
25 more loudly than what seemed normal?

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1 A. Than what seemed normal, no.

2 Q. And I don't mean normal for a psychiatric
3 patient. I just mean normal for a normal
4 person.

5 A. His tone may have been elevated.

6 Q. All right. Did he appear physically agitated
7 or shaking in any way?

8 A. Not to a noticeable degree.

9 Q. All right. Fair enough. Now, I think you told
10 me that at some point he made some statements
11 about the hospital?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Let me see if I can put some flesh on that.
14 Did at some point he tell you that he planned
15 on buying the hospital and then blowing it up?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And is that the statements -- or is that the
18 type of statement you're talking about?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And did he indicate to you that he wouldn't be
21 touched without his bodyguard being present?

22 A. Yes, he did.

23 Q. Do you recall any other types of statements he
24 made either about himself or the hospital at
25 that time?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. What do you recall?

3 A. He stated to the effect that he wanted to have
4 his limo brought to him so he could be taken
5 to, I believe it was, down in Washington or to
6 the president. I don't recall specifically who
7 it was.

8 Q. Did he give some indication that he was on a
9 mission for the president or something?

10 A. I believe so, yes.

11 Q. Did he indicate to you that he had a license to
12 kill?

13 A. I believe so, yes.

14 Q. Now, I interrupted you a little bit, but when
15 you went in to give him the ID bracelet and he
16 refused, what did you do?

17 A. I placed the bracelet on the bed and exited the
18 room.

19 Q. And when you left the room, obviously you
20 closed the door or someone closed the door
21 after you and the tech left. Right?

22 A. I believe at that point the door was closed,
23 yes.

24 Q. And then where were you after you left the
25 room?

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1 A. I was -- remained probably about within 10 feet
2 outside of the room.

3 Q. Now, while you were there -- this is after you
4 left the room, and while you were still there
5 -- did any other hospital personnel enter the
6 room?

7 A. The doctor did enter the room.

8 Q. Would this be Dr. Spurrier?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Now, you did not enter the room with Dr.
11 Spurrier or did you?

12 A. I stood in the doorway.

13 Q. All right. So you could see what was
14 happening?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And what did you observe, if anything, about
17 the encounter between Dr. Spurrier and Ryan
18 Schorr?

19 A. Dr. Spurrier conducted a routine examination.
20 As far as what they verbally discussed, I don't
21 recall what was said.

22 Q. Did you observe anything about Ryan Schorr in
23 that exchange? Did he raise his voice, for
24 example, in that?

25 A. I don't recall.